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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

LAIRSON et al.

Serial No.: 09/829,403

Filed: 04/09/2001

Atty. Docket No.: Q01-1074-US1

For: "TRANSVERSE BIASED
SHIELDS FOR PERPENDICULAR
RECORDING TO REDUCE
STRAY FIELD SENSITIVITY"

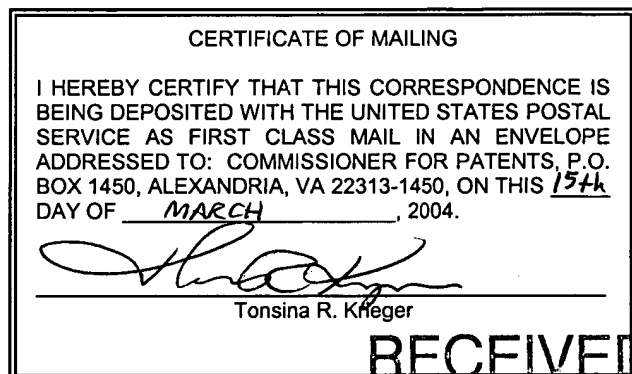
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Group Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: Evans, Jefferson A.

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2003



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This is a reply to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003 (Paper No. 10).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this Reply. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for the three-month extension fee of \$950.00.

Please note that the **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Please also note that the **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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